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| PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: | <b>BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL<br/>DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS</b>                                      |
| MEETING DATE AND TIME:  | <b>Wednesday, June 23, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.</b>  |
| PLACE:                  | 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware<br><b>Conference Room A</b> , second floor of the Cannon Building |
| MINUTES APPROVED        | August 25, 2010  |

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. James Walsh, LPCMH, **President**, Presiding  
Maynard Gregory, LCDP, **Vice President**  
Vera Murrell, Public Member, **Secretary**  
Dean Aman, LPCMH  
Dr. William Northey, LMFT  
Daniel Cherneski, LMFT  
Mary Davis, LCDP  
Lisa Ritchie, LCDP

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Patricia Davis Oliva, Deputy Attorney General  
Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Winnie Lewis, Public Member  
Tracy Hansen, LMFT  
William Gale, LPCMH  
Robert Doyle, Public Member  
Clayton Yocum, Sr., Public Member

**ALSO PRESENT**

Lynn Pomeroy  
William Richardson  
Lorena Hartnett, Court Reporter, Wilcox & Fetzer

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Walsh called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

MHCDP Meeting Minutes – April 28, 2010

The Board reviewed the April 28, 2010 meeting minutes for approval. Mr. Cherneski made a

motion, seconded by Ms. Ritchie, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Slaughter asked the Board to amend the agenda to add the review of a Consent Agreement for Richard Brousell. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gregory, to amend the agenda to include this item. Motion unanimously carried.

## **HEARING**

### **12:45 p.m. – Proposal to Deny Hearing – Lynn Pomeroy**

At 12:58 p.m., Dr. Walsh called the proposal to deny hearing to order on the application submitted by Lynn Pomeroy. The board introduced themselves for the record. Verbatim testimony was taken by the court reporter. Mr. Pomeroy was present and was represented by William Richardson. Ms. Davis Oliva stated the purpose of the hearing. The following documents were marked as Board Exhibit 1 for the record: PTD letter dated May 3, 2010; Mr. Pomeroy's hearing request dated May 12, 2010; the Hearing Notice dated May 28, 2010; and application packet and supporting documents, including the criminal background check. Mr. Pomeroy was sworn in and Mr. Richardson presented his case. Mr. Pomeroy responded to questions asked by the board members. Mr. Richardson had two exhibits marked for the record. Applicant Exhibit 1 is a letter from NAFC verifying Mr. Pomeroy passed a written exam. Applicant Exhibit 2 is four letters of reference. At 1:54 p.m., the board went off the record to deliberate. At 2:01 p.m., the Board went back on the record. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Murrell, to deny the application for licensure due to criminal history and not having acceptable certification. Motion unanimously carried. The hearing concluded at 2:04 p.m.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Review of Consent Agreement for Case No.: 33-02-09 for Richard Brousell**

The Board reviewed the Consent Agreement for Richard Brousell. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gregory, to accept the Consent Agreement. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review Draft of Proposed Regulation Changes**

The board briefly discussed the draft of proposed regulation changes. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Dr. Walsh, to accept the draft as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Continued Discussion Regarding Retiring Counselors – Patty Davis Oliva, DAG**

This item was tabled until the August meeting.

### **Review Supervisory Progress Report for Joseph Hicks, from Daniel Cooper**

The Board reviewed the supervisory progress report for Joseph Hicks, from Daniel Cooper. The Board tabled this item until the August meeting for additional documentation of the supervision.

### **Review Janelle Evans' Request to be Removed from Suspension**

The Board reviewed Janelle Evans documentation and request for removal from suspended status. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ritchie, to approve Ms. Evans request to lift the suspension status. Motion unanimously carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Twila Mojica**

The Board reviewed Twila Mojica's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Ms. Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Catrina Hinds**

The Board reviewed Catrina Hinds's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Aman, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Robert Lockwood**

The Board reviewed Robert Lockwood's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Aman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ritchie, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Laurie Denham**

The Board reviewed Laurie Denham's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ritchie, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Denise Bell**

The Board reviewed Denise Bell's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Ms. Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Ms. Murrell, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Sandhya Verma-Higgins**

The Board reviewed Sandhya Verma-Higgins' application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Dr. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Benjamin Griffith**

The Board reviewed Benjamin Griffith's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ritchie, to **propose to deny** the application based on criminal history and the certification not meeting the Board's requirements. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Brian Callahan**

The Board reviewed Brian Callahan's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Ms. Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Ms. Murrell, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

### **Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Jill Haer**

The Board reviewed Jill Haer's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Ms. Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Aman, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Reciprocity – Claudia Arndts

The Board reviewed Claudia Arndt's application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Dr. Northey, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Reciprocity – John Conteh

The Board reviewed John Conteh's application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Dr. Northey, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Reciprocity – Jane McKown

The Board reviewed Jane McKown's application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Dr. Northey, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Reciprocity – Mary Post

The Board reviewed Mary Post's application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity. Ms. Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to **table** the application to see if Ms. Post was in the process of getting NBCC certification. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Applications for LCDP Licensure by Certification – John Harper

The Board reviewed John Harper's application for LCDP licensure by certification. Mr. Gregory made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ritchie, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Assign Complaint Contact Person

Dr. Walsh agreed to be the complaint contact person for Complaint #33-02-10.

Ms. Hansen agreed to be the complaint contact person for Complaint #33-04-10.

Mr. Gregory agreed to be the complaint contact person for Complaint # 33-05-10, Complaint # 33-06-10, and Complaint # 33-07-10.

Discussion Regarding Disciplinary Action Taken Against Jean Olson

Ms. Slaughter advised the Board that an administrative error was recently discovered with Ms. Jean Olson's license renewal. She answered "No" to the question that asks if she completed the required CE. Based on that answer, Ms. Olson's license should have had a hold placed on it until she provided proof of completion of the CE. Instead, the license was renewed in error, which caused her to be included in the random audit selection. Since she did not attest to completing the CE, she should not have been included in the audit and she should not have had a disciplinary hearing. Therefore, no disciplinary action should have been taken. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to vacate the disciplinary Order from April 23, 2009. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request for Approval of Continuing Education Activities from McKissock

Ms. Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Dr. Northey, to approve the following CE activities for McKissock as noted below:

Therapeutic Interventions with Elderly & Infirm (4 hours)  
Identifying Bipolar Disorder (4 hours)  
Living in a World of Anxiety (3 hours)

### **Correspondence**

#### **Review Laurie Denham's Email Regarding Seeing Clients Prior to Having Insurance**

The Board reviewed Laurie Denham's email regarding seeing clients prior to having insurance. Her question was not something that the Board has jurisdiction to determine; therefore, they would not be able to answer her question. Dr. Walsh advised he would speak to Ms. Denham regarding the issue.

### **Other Business (for discussion only)**

There was no other business.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

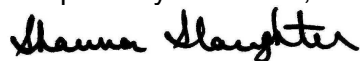
### **Next Meeting Date**

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2010, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room A of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

### **Adjournment**

Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shauna Slaughter  
Administrative Specialist II